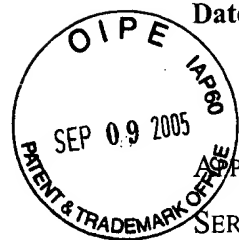


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension, these documents are due on or before September 9, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Thus, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301A.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.